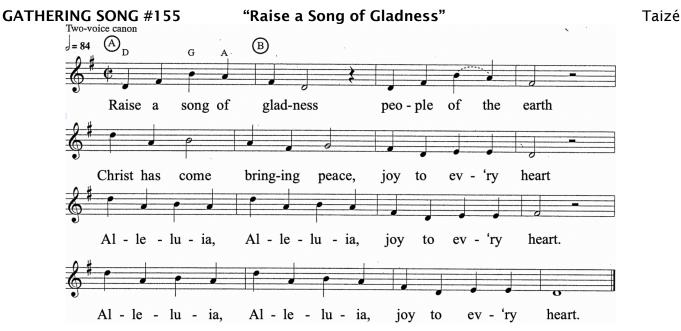
A Service of Worship on the Lord's Day Baptism of Jesus January 12, 2025



# Gathering in God's Presence

Restrooms and Nursery Care are in the Fellowship Hall next door.

#### PRELUDE



#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Come to the water!
  - In the beginning God spoke of the deep and created all life.
    - Let us renew God's life deep within us
      - in the powerful waters of love and hope.
- One: Let us gather at the river Jordan and enter the watershed of our faith--
- All: Threshold of God's promised kingdom, refuge of the God's true prophets.
- One: We humbly return to our Source,
- All: that we may be washed and refreshed; filled to flow with God's grace and purpose.

### HYMN #476

All:

#### "Crashing Waters of Creation"

## PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

- One: Here, at the waters, we gather to come clean of our complicity with evil, and be refreshed to face the hostile world as followers of Jesus.
  - Therefore, in accordance with Jesus' example to live into a life of righteousness, I invite you to reaffirm your baptismal vows.
  - Do you renounce all evil and the powers in the world
    - which defy God's justice and love?

#### All: I renounce them.

One: Do you renounce any behaviors or attitudes that put you at odds with the love of God.

#### All: I renounce them.

One: Do you turn to Jesus as Christ, and will you be Jesus' faithful follower, obeying his commands and showing his love in your way of life?

#### All: I do and I will, with God's help.

**SILENT PRAYER** (take time to be personal and specific)

#### SONG #2253

#### "Water, River, Spirit, Grace"

#### ASSURANCE

One: Hear God's declaration of gracious acceptance:

'You are my child, and beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

All: May God's Spirit descend upon us all.





east and west, north and south. We commit ourselves to Jesus Christ, to one another as brothers and sisters,

and to Christ's mission in the world.

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SHARING OUR CALLINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (pray the Lord's Prayer in a way meaningful to you)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are y

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

\*HYMN #2122

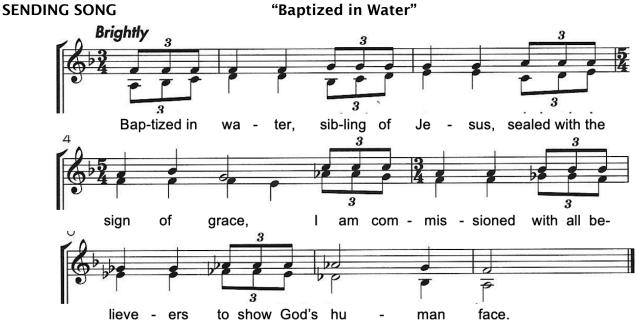
"She Comes Sailing on the Wind"

#### **CLOSING SENTENCES**

One: Help us emerge from baptismal waters, God,

- All: to your clear way of thinking, to your uncomplicated way of loving.
- One: Help us emerge from baptismal waters, God,
- All: to simply follow Jesus, washed clean of our fears, refreshed by your blessing.

#### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**



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Thank you to our Liturgist this morning, Cindy DeCloux.